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The Examiner provides a number of objections and rejections listed here in the order in which they are addressed:

1. Otherwise allowable dependent claim 8 is objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim.
2. Claims 1, 4-9 and 12-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶1 as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement.
3. Claims 1, 4-7, 9 and 12-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 ¶1 as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement.
4. Claims 9 and 12-16 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness type double patenting.

1. Claim 8 Is In Condition For Allowance

On page two of the Office Action mailed June 01, 2006, the Examiner states that, “[c]laim 8 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.” In order to advance business interests and without acquiescing to any of the Examiner’s objections, the Applicants have folded all the elements of dependent claim 8 into claim 1. Therefore, as admitted by the Examiner, the Applicants respectfully submit that claim 8, as currently amended, is in condition for allowance.

2 and 3. All Rejections Raised Under 35 U.S.C. §112 Are Moot

In order to advance business interests and without acquiescing to any of the Examiner’s arguments, the Applicants have cancelled all claims (e.g. 1, 4-9, and 12-16) subject to the pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 without prejudice to prosecuting these same, or similar,

claims in subsequently filed application(s) which claim priority to the instant application. The Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, the pending rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 are moot.

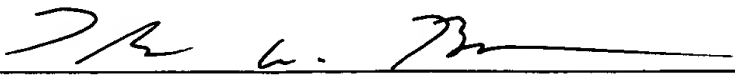
4. All Double Patenting Rejections Are Moot

In order to advance business interests and without acquiescing to any of the Examiner's arguments, the Applicants have cancelled all claims (e.g. 9 and 12-16) subject to the pending rejections raised under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting without prejudice to prosecuting these same, or similar, claims in subsequently filed application(s) which claim priority to the instant application. The Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, the pending rejections raised under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting are moot.

CONCLUSION

The Applicants believe that the arguments and claim amendments set forth above traverse the Examiner's rejections and, therefore, request that these grounds for rejection be withdrawn for the reasons set above. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect.

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